

# CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Minutes

January 25, 2023

Ebensburg, PA  
January 12, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 13, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 16, 2023

Courthouse closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 17, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 18, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 19, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 20, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 23, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

Ebensburg, PA  
January 24, 2023

Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt present.

**Commissioners in Session.** Commissioners Thomas C. Chernisky, William J. Smith, and Scott W. Hunt were present.

The Commissioners' Meeting was called to Order by President Commissioner Chernisky, in the Cambria Heights High School Library, Patton, at 6:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to waive the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held January 12, 2023, but to approve them and place them on file.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

John DeBartola questioned the following:

1. Why is the property owned by the Redevelopment Authority, located at 416 Main Street, Johnstown, not being taxed?

2. When is the Johnstown Senior Center going to be repaired so that area seniors have a place to go?

3. What happened with regard to Kristy Freoni's employment with the County?

4. Why did it take so long for the County to address the situation for Crisis services?

## COMMISSIONERS

### Notice of Executive Sessions:

1. January 23, 2023, meeting with Agency Department Heads.
2. January 24, 2023, meeting with Human Resources.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2023 Cambria County Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Cambria County SHARP Team Fee Schedule, effective January 25, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

### Agreement:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the Agreement between Aging Well PA, LLC, and the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, wherein the Agency will provide assessment services at a rate of \$249.92 per assessment, for a term beginning February 1, 2023, and ending January 31, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Contracts (Provided Funding is Available):

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

| Vendor                | Service Provided  | Rate                               |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| The Advocacy Alliance | Provider is conducting more Certified Investigations in accordance with MR Bulletins #00-04-11, "Certified Investigations," and #6000-04-01, "Incident Management," as well as the Pennsylvania Certified Investigators Manual. | From \$25,000.00<br>To \$50,000.00 |

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract Amendment for Cambria County Children & Youth Service Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

| Summit School In d/b/a The Summit Academy |         |                  |          |                        |                      |                       |                 |
|---|---------|------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Cert No.                                  | Unit ID | Service Provided | Rate     | Title IV-E Unallowable | Title IV-E Allowable | Allowable Maintenance | Allowable Admin |
| 448070<br>448090                          | ST      | Shelter Program  | \$340.91 |                        |                      |                       |                 |

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve six (6) Service Contracts for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

| Vendor   | Service Provided   | Rate               |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Spherion Staffing & Recruiting   | Drug screen provider, standard in-house 5 panel test.<br>Criminal background check.  | \$25.00<br>\$25.00 |
| Merakey Pennsylvania   | Additional support in the medical environment for when medical staff is unable to provide for consumer due to their unique behavior or physical needs. | \$20,848.00        |
| Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapists, Inc., d/b/a Pivot Physical Therapy of Western Pennsylvania | Provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy including any special instructions for the Early Intervention Program.                              | \$105,000.00       |
| Yale University  | Evaluation study of the E-CBIT Program.  | \$50,000.00        |
| Women's Help Center  | Provider will lease a vehicle from the County to help facilitate housing program.  |                    |

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve one (1) Service Contract for Cambria County Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:**

| <u>Vendor</u>                    | <u>Service Provided</u> | <u>Rate</u>      |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| RezCare, LLC, d/b/a PA Home Life | Personal Care           | \$22.00 per hour |
|                                  | Home Support            | \$22.00 per hour |

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Change Order:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Change Order No. 1 of Laurel Management, for the Sanitary Sewer Lateral Compliance Testing Project, decreasing the project amount by \$14,540.00, for a new project total of \$23,530.00.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Tax Refunds:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund for Northwest Savings Bank, Parcel No. 26-023.-203.000, in the amount of \$992.82, per the Court Order entered in Case No. 2020-3729.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2021 tax refund for Kasey Cook, Parcel No. 82-001.-201.000, in the amount of \$59.20, for taxes and fees collected in error.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2021 tax refund for Douglas M. and Jenise Kay Smiley, Parcel No. 08-051.-950.000, in the amount of \$1,045.31, pursuant to a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, effective December 8, 2020.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve tax refunds for James M. and Jennifer L. Poldiak, Parcel No. 17-003.-119.011, for the following years and amounts, due to an assessment error:**

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>2020</b>   | <b>\$438.28</b>   |
| <b>2021</b>   | <b>\$438.28</b>   |
| <b>2022</b>   | <b>\$405.58</b>   |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$1,282.14</b> |

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Tax Refund Correction:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve a 2022 tax refund for DLP Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, LLC, Parcel No. 72-002.-115.000, in the amount of \$7,507.51, not \$7,660.72, due to KOEZ effective for 2022. (Action originally taken at the Commissioners’ Meeting held January 12, 2023).**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### Agreement:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Flood City Lodge #86 Fraternal Order of Police, Detectives 4A, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

### New Hires:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Richard Hegarty, Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Worker I for Maintenance, (Paygrade 12-B/\$12.63 per hour), effective February 6, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to hire Theresa Kaylor, Full-Time Booking Center/Records Clerk for the Prison, (Paygrade 9-U/\$12.65 per hour), effective February 6, 2023. (Employment is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment health screening).

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Transfer:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to transfer Kelly Guillarmod, Full-Time Magistrate Clerk II for Magistrate Musulin's Office, (Paygrade 11-E/\$13.88 per hour), to Full-Time Magistrate Clerk Supervisor for Magistrate Musulin's Office, (Paygrade 21-F/\$14.57 per hour), effective January 30, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

### Remove from Payroll:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Kristy Freoni, Full-Time Chief County Detective for the District Attorney's Office, (Paygrade 59-D/\$49,164.18 annually), effective January 31, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Ally Link, Full-Time Executive Assistant for the Courts, (Paygrade 49-B/\$41,295.80 annually), effective February 16, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Tracy Byers, Full-Time Tax Appraiser II for Tax Assessment, (Paygrade 39-E/\$17.92 per hour), effective February 4, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Gina Schellhammer, Full-Time Case Management Supervisor for Drug & Alcohol, (Paygrade 57-D/\$41,983.50 annually), effective January 28, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Brian Boone, Full-Time Caseworker II for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 43-C/\$35,945.26 annually), effective February 1, 2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to remove Chelsea Gaida, Full-Time Correctional Officer I for the Prison, (Paygrade 26-A/\$21.52 per hour), effective January 23, 2023.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Corrections:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve hiring Arielle Gaydos, not Arielle Williams, as a Full-Time Fiscal Technician for Children & Youth Service, (Paygrade 30-F/\$26,500.00 annually), effective January 17, 2023. (Action originally taken at the January 12, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting).**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve removing Jody Mosley, Full-Time Clerk Typist II/Float for Voter Registration, (Paygrade 9-K/\$13.00 per hour), effective January 14, 2023, not January 13, 2023. (Action originally taken at the January 12, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting).**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Rescind:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the hiring of Kathryn Antal, Full-Time Clerk Typist I for BH/ID & EI, (Paygrade 7-B/\$23,400.00 annually), effective January 17, 2023. (Action was originally taken at the January 12, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting).**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve rescinding the following Service Contract for Cambria County BH/ID & EI Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:**

| <b>Vendor</b> | <b>Service Provided</b>   | <b>Rate</b>  |
|---------------|---|--------------|
| The Open Door | Telephone Crisis services will be available to all Cambria County Residents requiring immediate mental health telephone crisis intervention services. | \$147,170.08 |

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Chernisky stated that the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, in the Jury Room of the Cambria County Courthouse, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and passed unanimously.**

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**Michael Gelles, IV, Chief Clerk**